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In re Patent Application of: Y. Sawada et al.

Application No.: 09/647,086

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Art Unit: 3625

For: DATA DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM AND
DATA SELLING APPARATUS
THEREFOR, DATA RETRIEVING
APPARATUS, DUPLICATED DATA
DETECTING SYSTEM, AND DATA
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

Examiner: Gart, Matthew S.

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(Applications filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of cited US Patents are required and therefore, are not enclosed).
- b. This application relies under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. , filed on . The references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.

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- See English language Abstract attached to Item BE and English language Abstract and partial translation attached to Item BG.
The remaining listed items were previously cited in this application, but are nevertheless listed in this IDS because they are mentioned in the actions of foreign patent offices in cases corresponding to this application discussed below.

- c. X The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:

Some of the documents cited and provided herewith were cited in a Korean Notice of Allowance issued on 13 August 2007 in an application corresponding to this application (a copy of that Korean Notice of Allowance, dated 13 August 2007 is attached hereto. See also Items BB – BE).

Others of the documents cited and provided herewith were cited in an office action dated 21 August 2007 in the first basic Japanese application from which the benefit of priority was claimed in this application. (See Items BA, BF and BG).

A full copy of Item BB was filed with in this application on 26 September 2000. Similarly, full copies of Items BC and BD were filed on 5 October 2006. Also, a full copy of Item BA was filed on 20 April 2005. Finally, a full copy of Item BF was filed on 3 May 2004. Accordingly, with respect to the just mentioned Japanese and Korean Patent Publications, only copies of the front pages thereof are being provided herewith.

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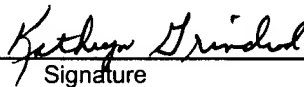
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